

## ABSTRACT

An process for the preparation of pyridine and/or picolines is disclosed. The process comprises contacting a mixture of carbonyl compound with ammonia in the presence of  
5 surface-passivated titanium-silicate catalyst in gas phase at a temperature ranging between 300 – 500°C, at gas space velocity in the range of 300 to 3000 h<sup>-1</sup> and at a pressure ranging between 1 to 10 atmosphere, condensing and separating the products by conventional methods and if desired, further purifying the product using well known conventional methods.

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